



SUPPORT TO CHUQUISACA

Through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government has a comprehensive assistance program that supports the Bolivian Government's National Development Plan.



A chili pepper producer from rural Chuquisaca proudly shows his product prior to sale at an international hot chili pepper festival, funded by USAID and sponsored by the local producers' association

Through its official foreign assistance agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Government supports development in 23 municipalities in the department of Chuquisaca. Projects seek to reduce poverty through economic growth generated by enterprise development and increased productivity; improve access to health care for the poor; and strengthen democratic processes and institutions. USAID programs create opportunities for marginalized populations, promoting their social, political, and economic inclusion.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM FAMILIES

Some of Bolivia's poorest municipalities are located in the Department of Chuquisaca. Working with the Valleys Foundation (*Fundación Valles*), small farmers' associations and local governments, USAID supports the Government of Bolivia's National Development Plan in 13 municipalities, improving the production of hot chili peppers, oregano and other spices, table grapes, peanuts and onions. As a result, over 8,500 families from the valleys of Chuquisaca are producing and exporting high quality products to international markets. Using new technologies and organic certification to increase efficiency and improve quality, Bolivian farmers and their families are accessing new niche markets, growing their businesses, and increasing incomes.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO JUSTICE

USAID supports a comprehensive program with the Government of Bolivia to strengthen democratic institutions. This program includes a special emphasis on Sucre, the capital of Chuquisaca, in support of the justice sector. USAID provides technical assistance and training for the Constitutional Tribunal, Supreme Court, Public Defense and Attorney General's Office, as part of long-term efforts to improve access to a more effective and transparent justice system. USAID has worked with the Government of Bolivia for more than a decade to help implement reforms to the Code of Criminal Procedure, and is presently supporting the consolidation of judicial institutions.

Specific programs in Chuquisaca include: the implementation of a case tracking system (IANUS) in the Supreme Court; an electronic legal digest for the Constitutional Tribunal to support judicial research; and support for the Public Ministry in the installation of a customer reception area to improve services to citizens and help relieve the backlog of cases. This support is aimed at helping Bolivian institutions to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of justice services; mitigate delays in the administration of justice; and improve access to justice services for Bolivian citizens.



A donation of food in Chuquisaca through the Food For Work Program.

EFFECTIVE DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENTS

With the democratic election of departmental governments in 2005, Bolivia moved further toward accountable, decentralized government. As it does worldwide, USAID is providing technical assistance in basic institutional strengthening and training to Bolivia's departmental governments to help them assume more effectively their new roles in planning, financing, and delivering services to citizens.

Similarly, USAID has worked closely and collaboratively with the municipal government of the capital city of Sucre and with neighborhood groups to undertake a temporary employment program in support of an extension of the city's sewer system. While the city of Sucre has put up most of the capital costs, USAID has effectively complemented this investment through the use of PL-480 food rations to hire hundreds of unemployed citizens to provide labor for the project. In addition to the many jobs created, thousands of Sucre residents will have access to critical urban infrastructure.

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF BOLIVIAN

USAID seeks to improve the health of underserved Bolivians by increasing access to quality health services through the strengthening of public and NGO health facilities and networks. Our program supports the Ministry of Health's policy of extending services to rural areas, with a special focus on family and community health.

In Chuquisaca, the program supports training, technical assistance and provision of equipment to enhance the quality of health services related to maternal and child health; emergency obstetric and neonatal care; and for the prevention, treatment and control of infectious diseases; as well as to build the capacity of regional and municipal health authorities to manage the health system. In selected municipalities the program supports a network of health volunteers who focus on health education and promotion activities, and facilitate community efforts to identify and solve local health problems.

USAID is co-financing a housing improvement project with the regional government and municipalities to reduce the incidence of Chagas disease; 350 families have already benefited from the project and another 450 houses are scheduled to be improved in the next two years. In addition, with the assistance of USAID, the Bolivian NGO CIES is directly providing a range of health services to the people of Chuquisaca.

USAID in CHUQUISACA

Municipalities where at least one USAID Project is Active

